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TITLE OF INVENTION

PLASTIC NEEDLE AND DEVICES COMPRISING IT

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
 - a. ☒ are transmitted herewith (only if not required by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☒ As assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13^{ter}.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English translation of the international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4).
20. ☐ Other items or information:

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PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:					
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic National Fee		\$300.00	\$300.00		
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee			\$200.00		
If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy PCT Article 33(1)-(4)		\$0			
All other situations		\$200.00			
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search Fee			\$400.00		
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All other situations		\$500.00			
TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23			\$900.00		
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 pages or fraction thereof.			\$		
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).			\$		
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total Claims	15 -20=		X \$50.00	\$	
Independent Claims	1 -3=		X \$200.00	\$	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			\$360.00	\$	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =			\$900.00		
Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.			\$450.00		
SUBTOTAL =			\$450.00		
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).			\$		
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =			\$450.00		
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31).			\$40.00		
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =			\$490.00		
			Amount to be refunded:	\$	
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- a. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 04-0753 in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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